FOUR MEN PERISH IN THE **NEW EAST RIVER TUNNEL**

Fire Cuts Off Air from "Sandhogs" and Two Are Suffocated and Two Drowned-Brave Foreman Saves Others.

Fire, starting first in the flimsey frame structure that supports the caisson of the Belmont tunnel for the Pennsylvania Railroad out in East River half a mile off Forty-second street, followed by the bursting of the airpipes which hold back the water, caused the death of two men by suffocation and two other men by drowning early to-day, while two other men were hauled from the caisson unconscious, and their rescuers were lifted to the open air weak and helpless.

The dead men were "sand hogs," the workmen who grovel under the river in the lead of the men who are thrusting forward the tubes which will make the tunnel that will extend from New Jersey, under North River and Manhattan at Forty-second street, and thence under East River to Long Island. The men who were killed were negroes, expert "sand hogs," but because they were "sand hogs" and saw little of the outside world, their names alone are known.

THE DEAD.

body to Morgue. the second bucket and was lowered down the shaft, the flames shooting to Morgue.

ARTHUR JORDAN, drowned; body to Morgue.

THE INJURED.

EARL JONES, twenty-five years old, address unknown, overcome by "bends," rescued; taken to Bellevue.

A-86 frequent have been accidents in the tunnel being built by the New York and Long Island Tunnel Company. which is generally known as the Belmont Tunnel Company, that news of such accidents is kept secret. The part of the tunnel from Forty-second etreet, opposite the Grand Central Depot, under the street and thence under East River is being built by the Degnon Company, as sub-contractors. Only four days ago there was an ac-oldent in the shaft of Caleson No. 3,

which is at the end of the reef, known as "Man-O'-War-Rock," and which extends far up the river to Blackwell's Island. On this occasion six men narrowly escaped death-when air pressure stopped in the caisson, and were res-cued as the water rushed into the nar-

No Call for Police Rescuers. Since that occurrence efforts have been made to keep all accidents secret. To-day's accident was therefore kep: covered by not only the men in charge

of the tunnel building, but, it is alleged, by a policeman connected with the East Thirty-fifth street station, who didn't even know that an accident had occurred, he said, until other policemen came and the tunnel employces were forced to tell that two men lay doud on the rocks, with the waters rolling over them. He had not been told, he The bucket was raised and the two said, that two were unconscious and men were brought to the surface, more perhaps dying and that two others were dead than alive. staggering about semi-conscious, on that two more lay at the bottom of the two more lay at the bottom of the shaft, now water filled and without air, after hours the bodies of the two luck-

Policeman Hugh O'Donne I, of the first to give the alarm. He was on the banks of the river at 3.45 A. M. when he saw flames burst from the shaft on Acretelle, the new Coroner,

dead at the mouth of the shaft. He heard also that men were at the bottom of the water-filled calsson and that others were unconscious and probably dying. He asked the New York and Long Island Tunnel Company for information. This information was re-

The Coroner, accompanied by the ambulance surgeon and Policeman O'Donnell, took a tug and steamed out to the caisson. There they saw the two dead two others, who were just recovering their senses.

Slowly the policeman and the Coroner mathered the facts. It was said that only six men can work in the caisson at one time. The men work in six-hour shifts, and when they come out from the rarified air they often fall from bends or from exhaustion. Besides the four men already named, in the caisson were Nathaniel White and Earl

These men were working by electriclights strung along the top of the caisson. A bucket was lowered at intervals, and after it was filled with dirt and

1905

THE CALL OF THE WORLD.

uplifting began in 1883, it printed, in its morning and Sunday editions only, 34,680 columns of advertising, an increase of 6,4981/4 columns, divided into

1,134,959 single paid advertisements, a gain over 1904 of 206,816.

The New York newspaper closest to The World in total space grew much less than half as much in columns and increased but 7,911 single advertise-

GROWTH BY PERIODS.

................

The World's Want momentum reached its greatest force in the last half of

No other newspaper ever before made such gains in a similar period or

More than 75 per cent, of The World's Want advertisers give their business addresses, but, despite this, over 870,000 replies came to the box numbers in the World's own post-office.

the year, when, according to a count made by Messrs. Barrow, Wade, Guthrie & Co., chartered accountants, it printed \$11,215 advertisements, against 555,\$17 printed by the New York Herald, leading it by 55,398 in the aggregate printed for the six months from July 1 to January 1.

1883

In 1905, the twenty-third year of The World's continuous growth since its

arranged another bucket to lower him ISAAC ROSS, killed at bottom of self down under the river, when there shaft; body recovered and taken to came a belch of flame from the shaft which came as through a flue. The WILLIAM RAY, same fate as Ross; foreman did not hesitate. He grappled ody to Morgue.

At the bottom of the shaft he saw that the rubber air pipes had burst and that the woodwork of the calssin NATHANIEL WHITE, twenty years was on fire. Two of the workmen. White and Jones, both seemingly crazed, street, overcome; rescued by foreman were feeling their way about the little compartment, staggering and groaning. The foreman loaded them both into the bucket and rung the signal:

"Raise!" The bucket shot to the surface. White and Jones were lifted out unconscious and the bucket again went down the shaft. By this time Shaller was fas losing his strength. He saw two work-men lying prone at the bottom of the shaft, the water rising about them and the flames eating into the framework.

Back Into Fiery Pit. There was no air left in the caisson. Shaller grabbed the bucket when it descended and again gave the signal to raise. He was shot to the surface. A few breaths of air were sufficient for him. He called to Verbecke, his as-

sistant. The two men entered the bucket, and it again sank down int the shaft. The foreman and his assistant lifted Walther and Jordan into the bucket, and again the signal to raise was given. Both men were lifted from the bucket dead.

Again the bucket went to the bottom of the caisson. This time the water was rising a foot a second. It already was up to the armpets of the foreman and his brave assistant. The two bodies of the workmen were at the bottom of the shaft. There was no use attempting to save them.

When the bucket same down this time Shaller and Verbecke grappled the chain lift and fell unconscious into it.

with the compressed air pipes burned in two and the pumps refusing to work. White and Jones were hurried off to

Bellevue Hospital by Dr. Hawks, who serious. They are suffering from "bends" and shock. The first policeman who saw the ac-

It was learned that a new engineer, The Coroner heard that men were William Cheatham, of No. 153 East

Willam Cheatham, of No. 168 East Forty-fourth street, went on the v 'k on the reef shaft last night. It is said that the break in the air pipe was in some way due to injury to the pipe by the electric current used for the lights at the bottom of the shaft.

Shaller was arrested by Coroner Acritelli, but paroled in the custody of the superintendent of the work and remained on the reef.

It was nearly 11 o'clock when the water had been pumped out of the shaft so that the other two bodies could be recovered.

BYCKS' SOLVE THE PROBLEM

Good Dressers in a Quandary Turn to Clearance Sale.

The erratic character of the weather has kept good dressers guessing, and The murder of Hoff was deliberate. many, making revised plans for winter's Twenty-fifth street. There everything Reflroad tracks, where it was cut to wearable in seasonable weights is found. The social requirements of the opera and social season have made an increased demand for smart-fitting dress and evening clothes and over-

stone it was raised by workmen outside.
The outside workmen were in charge of Foreman Harold Shaller, of No. 461 Lexington avenue, and Karl Verbecke, of No. 354 Tenth avenue, his assistant.
Flames Drive Rescuer Back.
Shaller noticed that the bucket was long coming to the top of the shaft. He

Advts. Published.

86,577

448,793

782,794

874,958

- 1,134,959

CONFESSED SLAYER; WOMAN WHOSE HUSBAND HE KILLED.



Banasik Confesses Love for Woman Led Him to Murder.

Haunted by the brutal crime be had committed, Frank Banasik, after con-finement in the Orange (N. J.) jail all night, confessed to-day to the killing of Thomas Hoff a week ago. Mrs. Hoff, the widow of the murdered man, also a prisoner in the jail, admitted knowledge of the crime, for it was out of love for her and a desire to get the husband out of the way that Banasik says he did the

deed. Whether the woman, as in the celebrated Mary Rogers case, planned the killing and assisted her lover in its accomplishment is not known, for it was East Thirty-fifth street station, was the said that the condition of both men was in a bysterical outburst of fear, the police say, that she confessed she had known of the murder. SCRANTON, Pa., Jan. 16.—Relative to the threatened strike of the Dela-

She said Banasik had come to her the reef. The policeman heard the cry cident is said to be George L. Suttle, of after slaying her husband on the night of frightened men. An ambulance came the East Thirty-fifth street station of Jan. 6. He said: "Now that I have from Bellevue Hospital in charge of Suttle refused all information, declaring got him but of the way I will marry Dr. Hawks, and then came Peter that the affair was of no public interest, you and take care of you and the children. All you must do is to remain silent."

Has Five Children.

Bloomfield Overseer of the Poor to-day. Then Banasik and the widow of his victim were taken to the county jall

for though in different sections of the jail they almost simultaneously called for the warden and told their secret. The woman broke down first, and when the man heard of her weakening he told everything.

First he was drugged with drink. dressing, have turned for the solution Then, when in a drunken stupor, his to the semi-yearly clearance sale of skull was crushed in with a mallet. Byck Brothers' Smart Clothes Shop. Thinking to hide the crime, Banasik Thinking to hide the crime, Banasik Nos. 154 to 164 East One Hundred and dragged the body to the Lackawanna any moment.

Wanted to Mary Widow. All this Banasik said he had done because he loved the wife of Hoff, his

best friend, who had taken him to his home, and who was his companion at work in the Edison factory in West Orange, where both of them were employed. Banasik is said to have told the police. Hoff's mangled body was fou

the tracks a week ago. It was hardly recognizable, so terribly was it mangled by the train wheels. The detectives were suspicious from the first that Hoff had not fallen across the tracks while stupid from drink. According to the police, Banasik deter-mined to put Hoff to death or get him

out of the way, no matter what the cost, two weeks ago. The two men were chatting in the most friendly way on Sunday before last when, according to the statement the police say Banasik made to them, Banasik said: "It's a pity you cannot drink more than a glass of beer."

"I can drink as much as you. Possibly can drink more than you. I'm no toper, but my head is level." "I'll just have a bout with drink with you," Banasik is alleged to have said. Unfair Duel of Drink.

The men repaired to a saloon. Hoff couldn't have known the safoon-keeper as well as Banasik. Banasik said: "What shall it be?"

Hoff said "Anything you like." "Make it gin," answered Banasik. The barkeeper came out with drinks. Every drink that Banasik took was water, and every time Hoff drained his glass it was gin-the sort that is brainparalyzing and potentias. How many,

drinks the two had in this bout between gin and water the detectives have not learned, but soon poor Hoff was helpless. Banasik was clearheaded and cal-

Banasik told the police that when he and Hoff left the saloon, the latter nelpless, he took Hoff up the Lackawanna tracks toward Bloomfield. When Banasik was sure nobody was looking, he is alleged to have told the police, he raised a mallet and sent it crushing through the skull of the drunken man. Banasik told the police that Hoff feli Banasik told the police that Hoff feli like a log—that the blow was fatal. Then Banasik became frightened. He was afraid to leave the body where it lay, thinking suspiction would be cast on him. He dragged the body down the tracks and laid it across the rails, first making sure that Hoff was dead. Then he went home, savisfied that the first passing train would so mangle his victim that his crime would never be suspected.

General Manager Belittles Efforts of Firemen to Reach

a Compromise.

ware, Lackawanna and Western firemen, General Manager T. E. Clarke Vice Grand Master Wilson, of the Fire-"I am not fully informed of what is now being done by the firemen's committee, but have seemingly reliable information that they are taking a vote were turned over to the care of the whether to bring disgrace and trouble upon our company and themselves with lasting prejudices and unpleasant recas, and without any regard to victim were taken to the county jall its effect on the public. The company in Newark. No direct charge will be laid against the woman until the Prosecutor has heard their detailed confession.

The woman and the man seemed to be conscience-stricken at the same time. conscience-stricken at the same time, exception, which could not be granted without violating agreement with other

without violating agreement with other employees. "Having granted so much and the conference having been conducted with such uniform courtesy the company feels loath to believe that any of its employees could reach hasty conclusions upon any important question affecting disastrously our joint interests."

Vice Grand Master Wilson, of Firemen's Brotherhood, still refuses to see interviewers. It is leaking out from the firemen's committee headquarters, that a climax is rapidly approaching, and that a strike order is a possibility at any moment.

SENDS \$12.22 TO THE CONSCIENCE FUND.

Comptroller Herman A. Metz received this day through the mail, in an envelope directed "Department of Finance, City of New York, No. 57 Chambers street, New York," \$12 in bills and 22 cents in stamps, with the following

memorandum:
"In making a return of personal property for 1905 about \$800 was overlooked.
Amount due on same, with interest at 7 per cent., is handed you with this, say \$12.22."
Comptroller Metz turned this contribution into the City Treasury.

HunyadiJanos Natural Laxative Water, the surest, saf-REMEDY for Constipation and all Howel ailments. You cannot afford to suffer when relief is so easy. Begin now. Go to the druggist today and say distinctly "BUNYADI JÁNOS"

CONSTIPATION

Take half a glass on arising. A positive cure

HERO NEARLY DIED DIVING FOR VICTIM

Plunged Into River to Save Drowning Man, but Succumbed Himself.

Like the majority of men who follow the sea Charles Cassinaw, a fireman the sea Charles Cassinaw, a fireman on the French liner Campania, could not swim, and when he fell into the Hudson from the Sixth street pler, Hoboken, to-day, he was drowned in spite of heroic efforts to save his sife. Cashinaw had started to climb the gangplank to board the British steamship King to visit a friend. The plank was insecure and the man lost his footing and tumbled into the water. He delivered a vell that attracted the attening and tumbled into the water. He de-ivered a vell that attracted the atten-tion of Charles Leng, of No. 23 Bloom-field street. Hoboken.

Long, without removing his heavy shoes, went overboard to save the drowning man. He dived four times before he could get a grip on the fire-man's clothing. Then when he did get nim to the service he was so far gone himself that he let go. Thoroughly ex-hausted he was unable to reach the pier, and sank after a feeble cry for help. help.
Patrick Driscoll, a longshoreman, snd Detective-Sergeant King leaped in after the would-be life-saver and brought him up unconscious but alive. Later they managed to fish up the body of the drowned fireman.

DEBTS OF BROKERS REACH \$3,000,000

an official statement issued to-day b the Bankers' Committee investigating

Little Louise Werhel Dies

While Mother Is Away Paying Insurance on Life.

Left alone with a five-year-old sister and a nineteen-months'-old brother, Louise Werhel nine years old, died to day at her home, No. 249 Grand street, Jersey Ctv., while the mother was away paying the insurance presmium on the dying child's life.

Louise was a precoclous child, and when company visited the home on Sunday the father. John Werhel, a clothier, had the child dance for them. She danced until exhausted. That night she was restless and was in a serious condition yesterday.

Today the mother remembered the life insurance on the child's life was due. There was no one to leave with her except the other children. When sho returned Louise was a dead. Dr. Ghee, who was called, notified County Physician Converse.

Stern Brothers

Millinery Dep't-(First Floor)

An Early Importation of Flower Hats suitable

for Evening Wear or Winter Resorts.

Ostrich Plumes--Special To-morrow:

White, black and colors, 16 inch, \$2.65 18 inch, 3.75 20 inch, 4.50

A large collection of

Desirable Decorative Linens

At Greatly Reduced Prices.

Tea, Reception & Dinner Cloths, Sheets & Pillow Cases

at \$40.00, 50.00, 75.00, 90.00, 125.00 to 250.00

Formerly \$65,00 to 450.00

Hand-made Corsets-Annual Sale

All Exceptionally Good Values.

January Clearing Sale of

Silk Down Comfortables

Also

Special Values in Blankets

at \$1.25, 1.45, 1.95, 2.75

3.25, 3.95, 4.50, 6.50

3.95, 5.00, 6.75, 9.00

\$1.10

1.45

1.95

French Lace Trimmed Linen

White Coutil, straight front, long waist, extended hip, supporters attached front and side,

of Blue, Pink and White Broche,

With Fancy Silk Tops, extra wide

For Single Beds,

" Double Beds,

" Extra Large Beds,

Fancy Silks, in a variety of effects and colors,

for double beds, Formerly \$12.00 to 25.00,

trimmed with lace and ribbon,

French Hand-made, of White Coutil, straight front,

long tapering waist, supporters attached front and side,

Dresser & Buffet Scarfs. "

Centre Pieces,

Tea Cloths,

B. Altman & Co.

will place on sale, Women's Gowns, Children's Dresses and Black Dress Silks, to-morrow, Wednesday, Jan. 17th.

WOMEN'S DRESSES AND TAILOR SUITS. (Department for Completed Garments, 2d Floor.)

The following styles of Women's Garments, suitable for present wear, at Especially Attractive Prices:

Eton Suits of chiffon velvet, silk lined, . . . \$48.00 Princesse Dresses of silk crepe clair de lune, lace trimmed and lined with silk, Separate Skirts of black broadcloth, . . . TAILOR-MADE SUITS of broadcloth, velvet, cheviot and other fabrics with long or short sleeves, at RECUCED PRICES.

CHILDREN'S DRESSES. (Infants' Wear Department.)

Infants' Wear and Little Children's Garments, inc'uding a recent importation of Pique Coats and Reefers, embroidered in French hand-work.

Russian Blouse Dresses of white cotton materials in several models; sizes, 18 months to 4 years,

BLACK DRESS SILKS.

Selected lines, including a number of soft brilliant fabrics, also Pure Dye Taffetas, Japanese Silks which are proof against water and perspiration; Shantung Pongee, and complete lines of the various Black Dress Silks at Moderate Prices.

3,000 Yards of Imported Dress Taffetas, . 87c. Yard. Regularly \$1.25 and \$1.50

Store will be closed daily at FIVE P. M.

Nineteenth Street and Sixth Avenue, New York.



Men's Collars, 6 for 25c.

Regularly 2 for 25c.

All sizes and new shapes, 4-ply, perfect goods, at 1/3 their real value, in the face of a rising

It's difficult to be modest in announcing such

HOLZ WASSER & CO

AGENTS FOR GRAND RAPIDS FURNITURE, WRITE FOR OUR NEW CATALOGUE. MAILED FIREE. WE ALLOW FREIGHT AND HAILROAD FARE. oor cent. discount allowed during January on all purchas



Every Evening Until 9 o'Clock.

en Oak Dressing Case

and Washstand; ele-

Open

bevel glass; Parlor Table (brass feet) handsome Lamp and \$1 Down and Globe; pair of handsome Pictures; large \$1 per Week
Oriental Rug. 7.6x 10.6; 1 Rocker, 2
pairs Curtains.
for this pairs Curtains.

DINING - ROOM—
Oak Sideboard, Bevel
Mirror or elegant
Sewing Machine, with
5 years' guarantee;
leather Couch; oak
cane seat Chairs; oak
Dining Table; decorated English Tea
Set; handsome Table;
Cover: 15 yards
Matting.

If you purchase

Us hoors

Let you purchase

PARLOR—Fine Ve-lour Suit, 5 Pieces. A Three-Room Flat Completely Furnished at

Spring; soft top Mattresses; pair Feather Pillows, Comfortable, 1 cak hair: 12 yarde Mating; English Tollet 3et. 10 pleces. KITCHEN — On k Kitchen Closet, riam doors; Kitchen Range or Ratrigerator; 3 Kitchen Chairs; 40 pleces or Thware; Kitchen Table; 10 yards Olicioth.

14.98 If you purchase Furniture, Carpeta, &c., amounting to ON OUR LIMERAL CREDIT SYSTEM. \$50 Worth, \$5.00 Down, \$1.00 per Week | \$100 Worth, \$10.00 Down, \$2.00 per Week | \$150 " 15.00 " 2.25 "

Accounts up to \$10,000 by 75 " 7.50 " 1.50 " 150 " 15.00 " 2 Our Terms Apply also to New York State. New Jersey and Cos

14171014233 AVE BETWEEN 80 881 S

Taken Seriously

there the same amount of time, thought and money spent in the preparation of a similar number of pages as is expended upon the World Almanac. Each year the task becomes more serious; each year the process of eliminating old matter to make room for the essential new matter is performed with more and more skill. The 1906 World Almanac and Encyclopedia contains information upon over one thousand topics and offers the reader a storehouse of

Price, 25c. By Mail, 35c.

A Book to Be DERHAPS in no other publication in the world is

\$8.75, 10.50 \$3.98, 5.00

\$4.48, 6.50, 8.75 7.25, 9.00

Formerly \$8.95, \$5.75

West Twenty-third Street